

# Huntsman/Corroon Refugee Working Group Charter

**Charter Name:** Refugee Working Group

**Date Charter Approved:** October 12, 2006

**Sponsors:** Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon

## **Purpose of the charter:**

To review the present refugee resettlement system, review the system's gaps and strengths, and recommend possible solutions or enhancements to the system. The Refugee Working Group will work intensely over a short period of time. Recommendations will be submitted on or before June 30, 2007.

## **Participants**

**Co-Chairs:** Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon

### **Initial Participants:**

Senator Orrin Hatch's Office  
Senator Robert Bennett's Office  
Representative Jim Matheson's Office  
Representative Chris Cannon's Office  
Mayor Ross Anderson, Salt Lake City  
David L. Buhler, Salt Lake City Council Chairman  
Mayor Robert D. Gray, South Salt Lake City  
William Anderson, South Salt Lake City Council Chairman  
John Nixon, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget  
Jason Perry, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development  
Tani Pack Downing, Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services  
Dr. David N. Sundwall, Executive Director, Department of Health  
Scott Duncan, Executive Director, Department of Public Safety  
Michael Kuehn, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Homeland Security  
Patti Harrington, Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education  
Lisa-Michele Church, Executive Director, Department of Human Services  
Tom Patterson, Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice  
Michael Gallegos, Director, Salt Lake County Division of Community Resources  
Rebecca Sanchez, Office of Mayor Corroon, Community Relations & Diversity Affairs  
Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department  
Shauna O'Neil, Director, Salt Lake County Aging Services  
McKell Withers, Superintendent, Salt Lake City School District  
Stephen F. Ronnenkamp, Superintendent, Granite School District  
Refugee Representatives and Service Provider.

**Facilitator:** Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture

## **Background:**

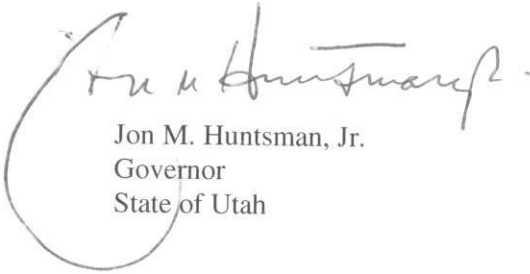
Many state and local agencies and community organizations serve refugees in some way. Over the past year, there have been several opportunities for refugees, refugee service providers, and other interested parties to provide input about refugee-related issues.

## **Authority - Scope of decision making:**

The Refugee Working Group is advisory and will develop recommendations that address gaps in the current refugee system. Recommendations will be presented to Governor Huntsman and Mayor Corroon for their consideration.

**Outcomes/Deliverables:**

1. Education of working group participants about the current refugee resettlement system, the resettlement process, services funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, how Utah compares to other states, and community needs identified through various public forums.
2. Summation of gaps and strengths of the refugee resettlement system.
3. Recommendations to Governor Huntsman and Mayor Corroon on enhancements to the refugee resettlement system.



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State of Utah



Peter Corroon  
Mayor  
Salt Lake County